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Peripheral(?) industrialization in Central and Eastern Europe: Changing paths and socio-spatial implications at local and regional scale

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Central and Eastern Europe has been considered as an emerging industrial periphery of the European core economies for three decades. In the meantime, we witnessed the emergence of the multiplicity of development paths shaped by the rearrangement global production networks, shifts in national policies, local histories and agencies. The session aims to reveal the broader social context and impact of path change in non-metropolitan industrial regions in CEE by grasping (i) how local agents were moulding path change and how they mobilized social capital within and beyond their region for that, (ii) how re/deindustrialization impacted various social groups in industrial towns and their rural hinterland, (iii) what responses were formulated by local stakeholders, communities and households to industrial decline/recovery induced by macro-scale processes. Case studies and conceptual papers are equally welcome.

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